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SUBJECT: IEA: NORWEGIAN VIEWS OF JANUARY 24-30 GB
MEETING

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1. SOUNDINGS HERE GIVE NO SUPPORT TO NORWEGIAN CONCERNS RAISED PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL THAT THERE IS GROWING UNCERTAINTY ABOUT LONG-TERM PROGRAM AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES WHO ASKED FOR RESERVES D'ATTENTE ON PROGRAM AT JANUARY 29-30 GB MEETING.

2. SPECIFICALLY, LOCAL NEW ZEALAND DEL OFFICIAL SAYS HE ANTICIPATES GNZ CABINET APPROVAL NEXT WEEK OF LETTER FROM GNZ TO IEA DELEGATIONS TO EFFECT THAT CHAIRMAN'S CONCLUDING REMARKS AT GB MEETING ADEQUATELY ADDRESS NEW ZEALAND'S CONCERNS. DEL OFFICIAL SAID LETTER DOES
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NOT SEEK ANY CHANGES IN LONG TERM PROGRAM DOCUMENT,

NOR DOES IT IN ANY WAY CONTRADICT GOVERNING BOARD
DECISION. LETTER WOULD NOT BE FOR INCLUSION IN GB
CONCLUSION PAPER BUT HOPEFULLY COULD BE CONSIDERED AS
FORMAL IEA DOCUMENT IN SOME WAY.

3. GOJ MITI REP TOYANAGA, HERE FOR CIEC MEETING,
INFORMS US MITI AND FOREIGN OFFICE ANTICIPATE CABINET
APPROVAL OF LONG TERM PROGRAM, AND LIFTING OF JAPANESE
RESERVE NEXT WEEK.

4. SPAIN HAS ALREADY LIFTED ITS RESERVE D'ATTENTE.

5. UK OECD DEL OFFICIAL SAYS PROGRAM PROCEEDING
THROUGH MINISTRIES WITHOUT OBJECTION, AND HE EXPECTS
LIFTING OF RESERVE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

6. FYI: ITALY "DID NOT VOTE" ON PROGRAM (IN OTHER
WORDS, IT ABSTAINED). SINCE, UNDER IEA RULES, GB
DECISIONS ARE BINDING ON ANY MEMBER WHICH ABSTAINS,
VIEW HERE (SUPPORTED BY IEA LEGAL ADVISER) IS THAT ITALY
IS ALREADY BOUND BY PROGRAM. NO REPORTS TO CONTRARY
HAVE BEEN HEARD FROM THE GOI, AND WE HAVE NOT RAISED
ISSUE WITH ITALIANS HERE, SINCE WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE
NOT TO STIR UP ISSUE. END FYI.

7. UNLESS CONTRARY REPORTS RECEIVED FROM WELLINGTON,
LONDON, OR TOKYO, WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT
AMEMBASSY OSLO TO REPLY TO NORWEGIANS ALONG ABOVE LINES
(TREATING ITALIAN SITUATION AS FYI AND NOT FOR DISCUS-
SION WITH NORWEGIANS). BOSWORTH SUPPORTING THIS
RECOMMENDATION.
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